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Addendum

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III. PROGRAMME QUESTIONS

Proposed programme budget for the biennium 1992-1993

Section 20. United Nations Centre on Transnational Corporations

1. At its 35th and 36th meetings, on 3 and 4 June, the Committee considered section 20 of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1992-1993.

Discussion

2. A number of delegations commended the Centre on Transnational Corporations for its work and expressed support for the activities programmed in section 20 for the biennium 1992-1993.

3. Some delegations questioned the high priority assigned to subprogramme 1. It was suggested that subprogramme 3 should be accorded high priority. Other delegations supported the priority designation under the section as proposed.

4. Several delegations expressed concern at the possible duplication of activities of the Centre in the area of environment with those programmed in the context of the preparation of the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development, and suggested that this issue should be closely monitored and coordinated. One delegation expressed the view that the activities relating to environment could be better handled by the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP).

5. One delegation indicated that the title of subprogramme 2 did not adequately reflect the state of events and current development trends in the activities of transnational corporations. It also had difficulty with the concept contained in the terminology "liability of parent companies for subsidiaries" relating to publications programmed under subprogramme 2.

6. Several delegations supported the level of resources assigned to the programme and its distribution among subprogrammes. Different views were expressed with regard to the proposed reclassifications of posts. Some delegations questioned the rationale for the proposals and indicated that they were not justified in terms of the volume and nature of the work involved, while other delegations supported the reclassifications as proposed.

Conclusion and recommendation

7. The Committee recommended approval by the General Assembly of the programme narrative of section 20 of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1992-1993.